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## WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Washington, March 5.—For Kansas: Forecast, till 8 p. m. Tuesday: Fairly cold in the southeast portion Tuesday morning; probably warmer in western portion Tuesday afternoon; variable winds.

The Chicago Tribune says: The majority for Congressman-at-Large Grow in Pennsylvania is 188,200. That for Harrison in 1882 was 63,700. The total vote for Cleveland that year was 452,200. That for the Democratic Congressman this year is 297,900. What has become of the missing 104,000? Was the Wilson bill so numerous a dose that they kept away from the polls? In the manufacturing county of Allegheny the vote for Grow was 4,000 greater than that for Harrison. The Democratic vote fell off 12,700. It is evident that some of the workmen who voted for Cleveland in 1882 made up their minds they had been foolish, and voted for the Republican candidate this year. Philadelphia gave Grow a thousand more votes than it did Harrison. The Democratic vote fell off 26,000. Here, too, repented and converted Democrats voted directly for the Republican candidate and against the Wilson bill. In the rural districts the Republican vote was not as great as that for Harrison, though the majority was larger. That was to be expected at a special election. But in the great manufacturing centers, it was different. There the Republican voters came out and were reinforced by Democratic workmen, who saw their wages shrinking and their work growing scanty under the malignant influence of the Wilson bill.

The talk of the secession from the union among the miners of Colorado is scarcely to be taken seriously. They probably don't mean it. The object of the talk is probably merely to startle "the East." The full text of the secession petition originated by Mayor Parker of Georgetown, Colo., and circulated is as follows:

I, JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, and CORNELIUS VANDERBILT,

## RACE FOR A BILLION.

PROBABLY NO AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE WILL REACH THE GOAL.

Men of Wealth Who Like to Read the Talk That Goes on About Them—The Rich Pair in the Country—Millionaire Expenses.

Special Correspondence.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—A very well to do man, who was talking with me a day or two ago about the millionaires of the land, made a remark, the truth of which is perfectly obvious, to the effect that the severe revision to which fortunes have been subjected during the past year must have materially decreased the number of those entitled to be spoken of as possessing millions.

"And yet," he went on, "no doubt there are still more millionaires proportionately in America than anywhere else. Millionaires like to read and hear the gossip that goes the rounds about themselves quite as much as any one else unless it be those who hope to reach the million mark, but have yet a good deal of work to perform in order to do so. I must confess that ever since I passed the \$750,000 line I have found myself at odd times reading every scrap of news that I can find about those who have become millionaires with far greater interest than I ever supposed I should feel in any sort of gossip."

"There is one millionaire I should very much like to see, but I don't care about grasping his hand until I have got a million myself. He is Matthias Splitlog, a Wyandotte Indian who lives out in the vicinity of Kansas City. Until quite lately he used to visit that town often, but the burden of years and infirmity has become heavy—he is now more than fourscore—and his eagle eye looks seldom upon the busy streets these days. He is a singular and interesting person.

By the failure of a bank last summer he lost some tens of thousands of dollars, and he was greatly put out about the matter.

No one was surprised at his amazement, but there was some surprise when he explained that he didn't mind the money loss. It was the loss of his friendly relations with the bank's officials that worried him. I'm afraid I shall never have an opportunity of seeing Splitlog," my friend continued, "for my wealth is not increasing very fast now, and, as I have said, he is old and feeble and liable to be called to the happy hunting grounds most any day."

It is a characteristic of some men when they become millionaires to cultivate those things that make for increased



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taste and refinement which they had no opportunity to devote time to in early life. How much the world owes to this impulse in the minds of those who attain riches into may never be computed. Sometimes very rich men go into competition in the culture business with good results for the masses. Such a competition between two millionaires of Rochester resulted in the founding of an art gallery, fondly called by its citizens the finest private collection of paintings in America. This characterization of the Powers gallery is probably extrava-

gant, but it has been several weeks since a musical farce comedy has visited Topeka, so that the coming of May Smith-Robins in "Little Trixie" will be a pleasant variation from the rather monotonous attractions which have been here recently.

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